

PLANNING BOARD

Annual Report FY 2010

The Seekonk Planning Board is a seven-member elected board, which implements the Town's Subdivision Rules and Regulations, ensuring that streets, sidewalks and utilities under construction in a subdivision meet the Town's specifications. The Board also administers the Zoning By-Laws as required for Site Plan Review.

Members include, Neal H. Abelson, Michael Bourque, Lee B. Dunn, Sandra M. Foulkes, William Rice, Ronald Bennett and Tom Clancy. This year David Viera resigned from the Board and Tom Clancy was appointed to serve the remainder of the term. On April 5, 2010, Tom Clancy was elected and Sandra Foulkes and Michael Bourque were re-elected to serve on the Planning Board.

April 13, 2009, the Planning Board voted to re-organize their members: Neal H. Abelson, Chairman; Michael Bourque, Vice-Chairman; Lee B. Dunn, Clerk; Sandra M. Foulkes, Vice-Clerk; William Rice, Ronald Bennett and Tom Clancy, members.

The Planning Board held two public hearings to amend various sections of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Seekonk Mass. The Planning Board held three public hearings to amend the following Sections of the Zoning Bylaws: Section 4.10 %Shared Driveways+, Section 7 %Luthers Corners Village District+ and Section 9.8 %Solar Photovoltaic Facilities Overlay District+.

The Planning Board drafted an Open Space and Recreation Plan and a Housing Production Plan and hired a consultant to begin updating the Master Plan. A new digital GIS zoning map was produced, several older subdivision files were closed out, and many subdivision roads were brought to town meeting for acceptance. All checklists and forms were updated, a Twitter account was opened and the new website provides more information to the public.

Plans reviewed by the Planning Board in FY 2010:

Form A's: 5 submittals reviewed; 2 new lots created.

Preliminary Plans: 1 submittals reviewed
Dale Estates: 6 lots, approved;
Madison Estates: 8 lots, approved;

Definitive Plans: No submittals reviewed

Site Plans: 2 Site Plan submittals reviewed

Respectfully Submitted,
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